

Shawnee FFA

Blue And Gold Times

October Newsletter

Section 24 LTS / Quiz Bowl

Leadership training school for Section 24 FFA Chapter officers was held Oct. 11, in Du Quoin, the home of Section 24 president, Joel Vancil. Opening ceremonies were conducted by Section 24 officers. After opening ceremonies, pizza was served. When everyone was done they were split into groups according to their offices to attend officer sessions. In each of the officer sessions they played a communication game and made a poster that later would be presented. After the sessions they presented their poster about their officer duties. While FFA officers attended their workshops, Greenhand FFA members com-

peted in an FFA Quiz bowl tournament. Greenhands are first-year FFA members. Greenhands faced other schools from throughout Section 24 by answering questions about FFA history, events, officers and programs. Shawnee FFA placed fifth in the Quiz bowl tournament with the following members: Dylan Boston, Ben Stanley, Colby Kuberski and Hunter Levan. State FFA president Darren Riskadal gave a keynote speech about "Facing Challenges." Then came reflections from section vice president Austin McAllister about facing challenges, section secretary Collin

Smith about tattoos on things in town and Section 24 president Joel Vancil about growing legacies



District V Food Science CDE

The Food science C.D.E. was Oct. 10 at SIU. This year Shawnee had two teams, one consisting of four students and one made up of five students. The first thing the teams did was take a 50-question quiz by their self about food science. Then they went to the team event where they had to design a food label for a healthy personal pizza that would appeal to college students. For the team event they also had to answer questions like: "What would you do if you had five million dollars to advertise?" "Where would you display it?" "What toppings did you put on it?" after the team event they answered

a customer complaint letter using correct business letter format telling the customer how they plan to fix the problem. Then they performed a triangle test. In the test, the students looked at three different rings of food and had to compare various types of food. They then had to do a differences tasting, where students sampled three foods and compared them to the control food. Students then completed an aroma practicum, in which they had to smell six different aromas and identify the smell. Lastly they looked at 15 photos and had to identify what types of sanitary of safety issue was pictured. Shawnee FFA Team one finished in third place. Members of the team were Austin McAllister, Allyssa Barnes

Kyle Kutak and Levi Ford. Team two finished in sixth. Team members were Ben Stanley, Tommy Whitaker, Colby Kuberski, Hunter Levan and Dylan Boston. Individually placements from both teams Dylan fifth, Kyle ninth and Levi eleventh place



Farmer Feed / Alumni Chapter

The Shawnee FFA Chapter held its 3rd Annual Farmer Feed and FFA Alumni Informational Meeting on October 16, 2012 at Shawnee High School. There were 25 farmers and FFA supporters who attended. FFA members prepared hamburgers, roasted potatoes, green beans and various deserts. The pur-

pose behind the farmer feed was to celebrate the end of the harvest and to let them know we appreciate everything they do. Ben Arteman, District IV FFA Alumni Representative, spoke after the meal. He explained what was expected of an FFA Alumni Chapter and the benefit of joining the Shawnee FFA

Alumni. If anyone is interested in joining the Shawnee FFA Alumni Chapter, please call 618-833-5307 and ask to speak to Ann Ochs.



Trick-or-Treating for Canned Food

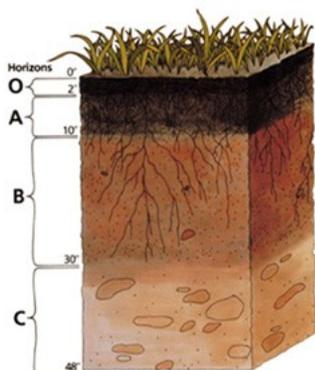
Shawnee FFA Trick or Treating for canned goods was a great success. Fifteen Shawnee FFA members Trick or Treated for cans goods on October 31, 2012. Shawnee FFA members had an excuse not only to dress up for Halloween but to turn a fun night into a way to help local food pantries. They Trick or Treated in the communities of Grand

Tower, Wolf Lake and McClure. Shawnee FFA members stopped at about 50 houses and collected 213 cans which equaled about 326 pounds of food. It was a lot of fun to dress up. We hope to do it next year. The food was donated to the Grand Tower Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped out.



Shawnee FFA members Trick or Treated for Canned foods in the communities of Grand Tower, Wolf Lake, and McClure on October 31, 2012.

Land Use CDE



Shawnee FFA attended the Land Use CDE on October 4, 2012 at Crab Orchard. Shawnee FFA had two teams attend the CDE. In the contest they judged a total of 6 pits. One pit being a practice pit and the rest being part of the actual contest. The land use CDE re-

quires the FFA member to judge the soil on its texture, color, slope and the structure run off. It also requires them to judge the pit on its root and soil dept. Shawnee FFA chapter came in sixth place in Section 24.

85th National FFA Convention

Shawnee FFA members, Austin McAllister, Levi Ford, Kyle Kutak, Mezo, Khriston Smithey, MaKayla Johnson, Allyssa Barnes, and Ms. Ann Ochs attended the 85th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN from October 24 - 27, 2012. On October 24th 7 Shawnee FFA members plus their advisor Ms. Ochs left the school around 7 a.m. to take the 4 and a half hour drive all the way to Indianapolis, Indiana for National FFA Convention. They arrived in Indy around 1 Indy time. They started the day with lunch at the old spaghetti factory. After lunch they headed to opening session that had more than 49 thousand FFA members from all across the United States and the two territories. At the first session they heard a keynote speech from a former Gold Olympian Figure Skater and founder of Stars on Ice, Scott Hamilton. The day concluded with Band Perry Concert and Brantley Gilbert concert at Lucas Oil Stadium.



Pictured above are Shawnee FFA members at the Ol' Spaghetti Factory in Indianapolis, IN.

On October 25th Shawnee FFA headed out with four other Illinois FFA Chapters to tour a variety of agricultural businesses. They started out at Zaharakos Ice Cream Parlor and Museum where they sampled ice cream, watched soda jerks, and saw the progression of the ice cream and soda industry. Then they toured 240 Sweets, where students watched Chef Alexis make fresh marshmallows and sample different flavors of marshmallows. Students then cut, powdered and packaged their own marshmallows. The third tour was to Bluesprings Caverns, where they got to ride in a boat for a mile in a cave that had blind cave fish and crayfish. The last tour of the day was to Kelsey Dairy Farm, where they saw how they milked and took care of the cows. When at the farm they also had some homemade milkshakes, got to play in a corn mazes and on a playground made out of hay bales. Member even got to pet some week old calves.

The morning of October 26th Shawnee FFA members headed to the convention center for the fourth general session where they would hear a keynote speech from Walter Bond former NBA star. Then the rest of the day they got to spend at the Career

Show and FFA Super Mall. At the career show they split up and looked around and



Pictured are Allyssa and KJyle at the Career Show.

went to a session of their choice. The Career show is made up of collages from everywhere that has a great Ag program. Then other booths were supporters of the FFA that had Ag careers. The FFA Super Mall is where you can find anything that you can imagine for the FFA. That night they went to the seventh general session where, Josh Bleill addressed thousands of FFA members to share a story of emotion and encouragement. Bleill was a United States Marine who lost both legs during his tour in Iraq. He is now the spokesperson for the Indianapolis Colts.

On October 27th they went to the eighth general session where they watched more than 3,000 FFA members get their American Degree. The American Degree is the highest honor you can get in the FFA. On the way home they stopped at Hunters Bee Farm where they learned all about bees. Students learned about the benefits of honey, pollen, and beeswax. They got to bottle their own honey and try some different flavors of honey.

October Crossword

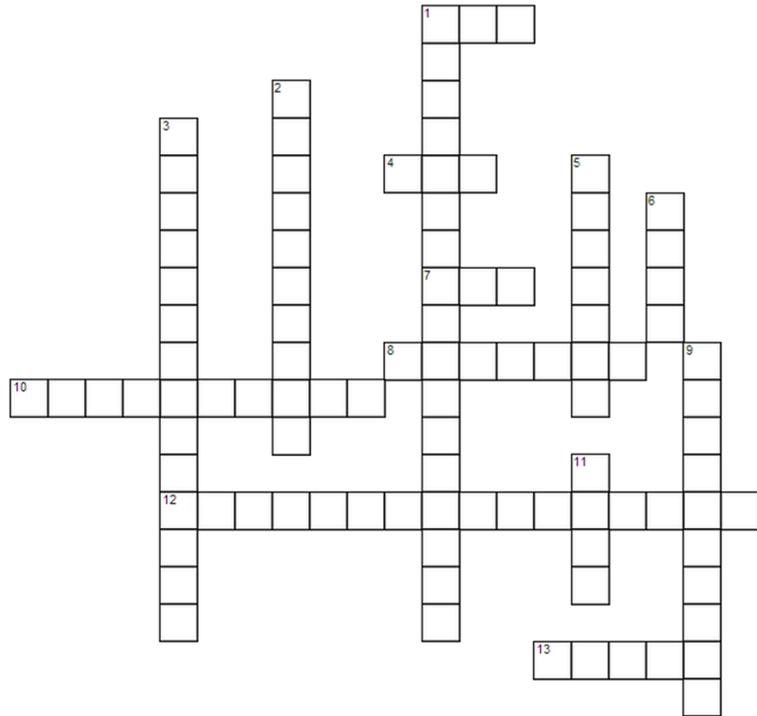
All answers may be found within the October Issue of the Shawnee FFA Blue and Gold Times. If FFA member complete the crossword, they will be rewarded with 5 extra credit points.

ACROSS

- 1 How many different aromas did they have to smell in food science?
- 4 Where was food science held?
- 7 How many cans did we donate to the local food pantry?
- 8 What did they present at LTS to show their officer duties?
- 10 What was one category for questions in Greenhand Quiz bowl?
- 12 Who is the Section 24 vice president?
- 13 Who came in 5th place in food science?

DOWN

- 1 Who hosted LTS and Greenhand Quiz Bowl?
- 2 What did they do all day on their third night at National Convention?
- 3 Who was the keynote speaker at LTS?
- 5 What was one way to judge a pit in Land Use?
- 6 When was Shawnee FFA Chapter chartered?
- 9 Who was the former NBA player that gave a Keynote at National Convention?
- 11 How many tours did they go on during National Convention?



FFA Fact of the month: Shawnee FFA was chartered in December 5 of 1950.

Section 24 Officers

President - Joel Vancil
 Vice President - Austin McAllister
 Reporter - Kenzie Dillow
 Secretary - Collin Smith
 Treasurer - Clayton Wyciskalla
 Sentinel - Ashlyn Schultz



FFA meeting from the month

October 9, 2012

October 23, 2012



November Agenda

3-State Food Science
 6-FFA Meeting
 7-District Ag Sales
 8-Agronomy
 10-State Ag Sales
 13-Elite Conference
 20-FFA Meeting
 28-District Computers